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SUBJ: MEETING OF MEDITERRANEAN STATES ON POLLUTION OF
THE SEA

1. SUMMARY: IN RECENT REVIEW OF SEVERAL TOPICS WITH IMCO
SECGEN SRIVASTAVA, HE MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF REPORTING
ACTIONS AT RECENT BARCELONA MEETING OF MEDITERRANEAN
STATES ON POLLUTION AND, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, HIS VIEWS
ON IMCO ACTIONS NEEDED TO KEEP CONTROL OF POLLUTION
STANDARDS WITHIN IMCO. END SUMMARY.

2. SRIVASTAVA, DEPUTY SECGENQUEGUINER AND MEPC SECRE-
TARY SASSAMURA ATTENDED BARCELONA MEETING AND TOOK PART
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IN PLENARY AND TECHNICAL GROUP DISCUSSIONS. SECGEN POINT-

ED OUT HE PURPOSELY CHOSE TO HAVE THIS HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM IMCO TO DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY ORGANIZATION'S INTEREST IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA. NEVERTHELESS, SRIVASTAVA SAID GENERAL TENOR OF BARCELONA MEETING LED BY "TWO OR THREE STATES" (SPAIN WAS MENTIONED) WAS THAT IMCO NOT SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTED IN SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF MEDITERRANEAN AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE OUTSIDE IMCO, WITH UNEP OR BY, PERHAPS, FOUNDING OF REGIONAL ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH MEDITERRANEAN AS A SPECIAL AREA WITH RULES ON POLLUTION, NAVIGATION, ETC., REGIONALLY AGREED AND IMPOSED.

3. SECGEN SAID MEETING WAS MOVING TOWARD ADOPTING RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHING REGIONAL RULES FOR MEDITERRANEAN POLLUTION SO HE PROPOSED RESOLUTION THAT ISSUE SHOULD BE PUT BEFORE MEPC IN IMCO FOR CONSIDERATION AND SOLUTION. THIS, HOWEVER, NOT ACCEPTED. INSTEAD, RESOLUTION UNDERSTOOD TO BE ADOPTED THAT MEDITERRANEAN STATES SHOULD FIRST WORK OUT POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN FOR AREA THEMSELVES WHICH THEN WOULD BE PUT TO IMCO/MEPC FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. SRIVASTAVA SAID HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH FEW, SELECTED STATES WHICH SHARE VIEW THAT IMCO SHOULD ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PARAMOUNT POSITION AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN CONTROL OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA. HE INDICATED HE CONSIDERS THAT AT NEXT AND FUTURE MEPC MEETINGS PARTICULAR EFFORT WILL BE NEEDED TO ASSURE MEDITERRANEAN STATES THAT IMCO IN FACT INTERESTED IN UNIQUE POLLUTION PROBLEMS OF THE AREA AND IS WILLING TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THEM TO MEET NEEDS THEY SEE FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER POLLUTION STANDARDS THROUGH IMCO. SPIERS UNQTE KISSINGER

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